

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A program product for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of buyers, with each buyer ordering for at least one store, comprising machine-readable program code to be executed, comprising:

program code for receiving in a supply chain system from a buyer who has entered a buyer system ID a selection of an item to order;

program code for providing a display option to the buyer to generate an order to a supplier for an individual store only or to order for a plurality of stores of the buyer;

program code for, if an order is to be generated for a plurality of stores of the buyer, displaying an electronic order form for generating an order for the plurality of different stores associated with the buyer system ID, wherein a designation for each of the plurality of the stores is displayed, with each different store having a separate order amount field;

program code for receiving data to populate the order amount field for at least one of the plurality of stores; and

program code for sending out the electronic order form to at least one supplier.

2. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising a graphical buyer interface provided to present an option to automatically populate the order amount field for each of a plurality of the stores with a quantity entered in the order amount field for one of the stores.

3. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the designation for each store includes an address for the store.

4. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein a plurality of the stores include an attribute associated therewith; and

wherein an order amount field for a plurality of the stores with said attribute is determined automatically, at least in part, by the attribute.

5. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the electronic order form comprises a plurality of different items, with each of a plurality of the different items to be supplied by a different supplier, with each different supplier having a different portion of the electronic order form activated therefor.
6. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the displaying electronic order form step comprises including a segmented permission portion thereon so that each of a plurality of different buyer ID's can enter data on a different portion only of the electronic order form, which portion is associated with at least one store associated with that buyer ID.
7. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising a display interface to designate a same shipping address for each store associated with the buyer system ID.
8. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein an intermediate shipping address is included on the electronic order form for one of the stores.
9. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising program code for comparing a monetary amount from the electronic order form for given store to a threshold amount; and generating a message if the threshold amount is exceeded.
10. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising program code for aggregating a dollar amount from a plurality of completed electronic order forms from different buyer system ID's that manage different sets of stores for a given customer; comparing the aggregated dollar amount to a threshold amount; and generating a message if the threshold amount is exceeded.
11. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the stores are restaurants.
12. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising program code for:

program code for displaying a fulfillment electronic form to a supplier designated in the electronic order form, wherein when a store organization is

displayed a different store fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form is associated with each different one of the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each such store fulfillment section listing the items ordered for that store and with each such different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated, or when an item organization is displayed a different item fulfillment section in the electronic order form is associated with each different item ordered from the supplier for the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each different item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated;

program code for receiving information to populate the parameter field for one of the items when in a store organization or one of the stores when in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

program code for providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field for another item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information; and

program code for, if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information.

13. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the program code for the displaying, receiving, providing and automatically populating steps comprise web content.

14. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the parameter field is an item quantity field in an item fulfillment section.

15. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the parameter field is a shipping/handling field in an item fulfillment section.

16. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the parameter field is a tax amount field in an item fulfillment section.

17. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the parameter field is a quantity available field in a store fulfillment section.
18. The program product as defined in claim 12, wherein the parameter field is an estimated ship date field in a store fulfillment section.
19. The program product as defined in claim 12, further comprising program code to present an indicator that may be activated to cause a confirmation to be sent to the buyer.
20. The program product as defined in claim 1, wherein the receiving a selection step comprises providing a display of selected electronic catalogue items from different vendors for a piece of equipment; and wherein the selection is of one of the catalogue items displayed from the electronic catalogue.
21. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising presenting a menu to the supplier providing a selection of either an item fulfillment electronic form showing a plurality of different item fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form each associated with a different item ordered from the supplier for the stores associated with that buyer system ID, or a store fulfillment electronic form showing a plurality of different store fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form with each store fulfillment section associated with a different store associated with that buyer system ID and showing the items ordered for that store.
22. The program product as defined in claim 1, further comprising
populating a web display with data from the electronic order form and data from a supplier inventory to obtain an electronic fulfillment form; and
serving web content to display the electronic fulfillment form to a supplier listed in the electronic order form.
23. A program product for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of suppliers, with each supplier fulfilling electronic orders for a plurality of stores, comprising machine-readable program code to be executed, comprising:

program code for generating an electronic order form for a plurality of stores associated with a buyer system ID to at least one supplier;

program code for displaying a fulfillment electronic form to the supplier, with each different fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form either associated with a different store from a group of stores associated with that buyer system ID and listing in the fulfillment section the items ordered for that store and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (a store organization), or associated with a different item ordered from the supplier and listing in the fulfillment section the stores associated with that buyer system ID that are being supplied with that item and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (an item organization);

program code for receiving information to populate one of the parameter fields for one of the items in a store organization or one of the stores in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

program code for providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field in another item or store in said one fulfillment section based on the information; and

program code for, if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store based on the information.

24. The program product as defined in claim 23, wherein the electronic option is to automatically populate all of the stores associated with that buyer system ID.

25. The program product as defined in claim 23, further comprising displaying a selection designator to allow a user to select either the store organization or the item organization for the display.

26. A system for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of buyers, with each buyer ordering for at least one store, comprising:

at least one processor comprising

logic code for receiving in a supply chain system from a buyer who has entered a buyer system ID a selection of an item to order;

logic for providing a display option to the buyer to generate an order to a supplier for an individual store only or to order for a plurality of stores of the buyer;

logic code for, if an order is to be generated for a plurality of stores of the buyer, displaying an electronic order form for generating an order for the plurality of different stores associated with the buyer system ID, wherein a designation for each of the plurality of the stores is displayed, with each different store having a separate order amount field;

logic for receiving data to populate the order amount field for at least one of the plurality of stores; and

logic for sending out the electronic order form to at least one supplier.

27. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising logic for presenting a graphical buyer interface provided to present an option to automatically populate the order amount field for each of a plurality of the stores with a quantity entered in the order amount field for one of the stores.

28. The system as defined in claim 26, wherein a plurality of the stores include an attribute associated therewith; and

further comprising logic for populating the order amount field automatically for a store based, at least in part, by an attribute associated with the store.

29. The program product as defined in claim 26, wherein the electronic order form comprises a plurality of different items, with each of a plurality of the different items to be supplied by a different supplier, with each different supplier having a different portion of the electronic order form activated therefor.

30. The system as defined in claim 26, wherein the logic for displaying electronic order form facilitates a segmented permission portion thereon so that each of a plurality of different buyer system ID's can enter data on a different portion only of the electronic order form, which portion is associated with at least one store associated with that buyer ID.

31. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising logic for presenting a display interface to designate a same shipping address for each store associated with the buyer system ID.

32. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising logic for comparing a monetary amount from the electronic order form for given store to a threshold amount; and generating a message if the threshold amount is exceeded.

33. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising logic for aggregating a dollar amount from a plurality of completed electronic order forms from different buyer system ID's that manage different sets of stores for a given customer; comparing the aggregated dollar amount to a threshold amount; and generating a message if the threshold amount is exceeded.

34. The system as defined in claim 26, wherein the stores are restaurants.

35. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising:

logic for displaying a fulfillment electronic form to a supplier designated in the electronic order form, wherein when a store organization is displayed a different store fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form is associated with each different one of the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each such store fulfillment section listing the items ordered for that store and with each such different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated, or when an item organization is displayed a different item fulfillment section in the electronic order form is associated with each different item ordered from the supplier for the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each different item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated;

logic for receiving information to populate the parameter field for one of the items when in a store organization or one of the stores when in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

logic for providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field for another item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information; and

logic for if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information.

36. The system as defined in claim 35, wherein the parameter field is an item quantity field in an item fulfillment section.

37. The system as defined in claim 35, wherein the parameter field is a shipping/handling field in an item fulfillment section.

38. The system as defined in claim 35, wherein the parameter field is a tax amount field in an item fulfillment section.

39. The system as defined in claim 35, wherein the parameter field is a quantity available field in a store fulfillment section.

40. The system as defined in claim 35, wherein the parameter field is an estimated ship date field in a store fulfillment section.

41. The system as defined in claim 35, further comprising logic to present an indicator that may be activated to cause a confirmation to be sent to the buyer.

42. The system as defined in claim 26, wherein the logic for receiving a selection provides a display of selected electronic catalogue items from different vendors for a piece of equipment; and wherein the selection is of one of the catalogue items displayed from the electronic catalogue.

43. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising logic for presenting a menu to the supplier providing a selection of either an item fulfillment electronic form showing a plurality of different item fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form each associated with a different item ordered from the supplier for the stores associated with that buyer system ID, or a store fulfillment electronic form

showing a plurality of different store fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form with each store fulfillment section associated with a different store associated with that buyer system ID and showing the items ordered for that store.

44. The system as defined in claim 26, further comprising
logic for populating a web display with data from the electronic order form and data from a supplier inventory to obtain an electronic fulfillment form; and
logic for serving web content to display the electronic fulfillment form to a supplier listed in the electronic order form.

45. A system for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of suppliers, with each supplier fulfilling electronic orders for a plurality of stores, comprising:

logic for generating an electronic order form for a plurality of stores associated with a buyer system ID to at least one supplier;

logic for displaying a fulfillment electronic form to the supplier, with each different fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form either associated with a different store from a group of stores associated with that buyer system ID and listing in the fulfillment section the items ordered for that store and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (a store organization), or associated with a different item ordered from the supplier and listing in the fulfillment section the stores associated with that buyer system ID that are being supplied with that item and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (an item organization);

logic for receiving information to populate one of the parameter fields for one of the items in a store organization or for one of the stores in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

logic for providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field in another item or store in said one fulfillment section based on the information; and

logic for, if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store based on the information.

46. The system as defined in claim 45, wherein the electronic option is to automatically populate all of the stores associated with that buyer system ID.

47. The system as defined in claim 45, further comprising logic for displaying a selection designator to allow a user to select either the store organization or the item organization for the display.

48. A method for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of buyers, with each buyer ordering for at least one store, comprising:

a supply chain management computer receiving in a supply chain system from a buyer who has entered a buyer system ID a selection of an item to order;

providing a display option to the buyer to generate an order to a supplier for an individual store only or to order for a plurality of stores of the buyer;

if an order is to be generated for a plurality of stores of the buyer, the supply chain management computer displaying an electronic order form for generating an order for the plurality of different stores associated with the buyer system ID, wherein a designation for each of the plurality of the stores is displayed, with each different store having a separate order amount field;

receiving data to populate the order amount field for at least one of the plurality of stores; and

sending out the electronic order form to at least one supplier.

49. The method as defined in claim 48, further comprising presenting a graphical buyer interface provided to provide an option to automatically populate the order amount field for each of a plurality of the stores with a quantity entered in the order amount field for one of the stores.

50. The method as defined in claim 48, wherein a plurality of the stores include an attribute associated therewith; and

wherein an order amount field for a plurality of the stores with said attribute is determined automatically, at least in part, by the attribute.

51. The method as defined in claim 48, further comprising:

displaying a fulfillment electronic form to a supplier designated in the electronic order form, wherein when a store organization is displayed a different store fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form is associated with each different one of the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each such store fulfillment section listing the items ordered for that store and with each such different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated, or when an item organization is displayed a different item fulfillment section in the electronic order form is associated with each different item ordered from the supplier for the stores associated with that buyer system ID, with each different item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated;

receiving information to populate the parameter field for one of the items when in a store organization or one of the stores when in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field for another item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information; and

if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store in the fulfillment section based on the information.

52. The method as defined in claim 48, wherein the receiving a selection step comprises providing a display of selected electronic catalogue items from different vendors for a piece of equipment; and wherein the selection is of one of the catalogue items displayed from the electronic catalogue.

53. The method as defined in claim 48, wherein further comprising presenting a menu to the supplier providing a selection of either an item fulfillment electronic form showing a plurality of different item fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form each associated with a different item ordered from the supplier for the

stores associated with that buyer system ID, or a store fulfillment electronic form showing a plurality of different store fulfillment sections in the fulfillment electronic order form with each store fulfillment section associated with a different store associated with that buyer system ID and showing the items ordered for that store.

54. The method as defined in claim 48, further comprising
populating a web display with data from the electronic order form and data from a supplier inventory to obtain an electronic fulfillment form; and
serving web content to display the electronic fulfillment form to a supplier listed in the electronic order form.

55. A method for a computer-implemented product ordering process for a plurality of suppliers, with each supplier fulfilling electronic orders for a plurality of stores, comprising:

a supply chain management computer generating an electronic order form for a plurality of stores associated with a buyer system ID to at least one supplier;

the supply chain management displaying a fulfillment electronic form to the supplier, with each different fulfillment section in the fulfillment electronic order form either associated with a different store from a group of stores associated with that buyer system ID and listing in the fulfillment section the items ordered for that store and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (a store organization), or associated with a different item ordered from the supplier and listing in the fulfillment section the stores associated with that buyer system ID that are being supplied with that item and with each different listed item in the fulfillment section having at least one parameter field to be populated (an item organization);

receiving information to populate one of the parameter fields for one of the items in a store organization or one of the stores in an item organization in one of the fulfillment sections;

providing an electronic option to automatically populate the parameter field in another item or store in said one fulfillment section based on the information; and

if the electronic option is taken, then automatically populating the parameter field in the other item or store based on the information.

56. The method as defined in claim 48, further comprising displaying a selection designator to allow a user to select either the store organization or the item organization for the display.